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SUBJECT:PRESS GUIDANCE FOR NOON BRIEFING

1. THE FOLLOWING WAS PREPARED FOR NOON BRIEFING TODAY.
2. BEGIN QUOTE QUESTION: WHAT IS THE DEPARTMENT'S REACTION TO THE TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER ISSUED YESTERDAY BY THE CANAL ZONE DISTRICT COURT AGAINST THE CANAL NEGOTIATIONS?

ANSWER: THE CANAL ZONE DISTRICT COURT HAS CONFIRMED TO US TODAY THAT A PETITION WAS FILED YESTERDAY IN THAT COURT SEEKING A TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER AGAINST ANY FURTHER PARTICIPATION BY PRESIDENT FORD, SECRETARY KISSINGER, OR AMBASSADOR BUNKER IN THE CANAL NEGOTIATIONS. HOWEVER, WE HAVE BEEN ASSURED BY THE COURT THAT NO ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN ON THAT PETITION.

WE ARE CONSULTING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ON THIS
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MATTER AND WOULD, OF COURSE TAKE STEPS TO OPPOSE ANY COURT

ORDER RESTRAINING THE NEGOTIATION SHOULD THAT BECOME
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